

To his Excellency the President

And the Honorable the Congress -

Humbly Shows -

Lydia Wallingford widow of
Sam'l Wallingford Esq: &c: &c: that your Petitioner's
late husband served as a Lieut: of Marines on board the
the Continental Ship Ranger in the service of the
United States, that on the 2d of April 1778 being in
an engagement with the British Ship Drake he fell in
battle while exerting himself in the glorious cause of
Freedom, by which means your Petitioner was left with one
child to seek their fortune in a wide world, But as by a
resolution of Congress the widows of officers who were slain in
their country, &c: &c: are entitled to half pay for seven
years, - Your Petitioner prays that your Honours would
take her case into your wise consideration and grant
her the privileges allowed by said resolution, or such other
grants as in your Great Wisdom may seem meet -

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall

Pray -

Amos Cogswell Gentleman
of the
Petitioner

Colo. A. Foggwell's
Letter & Petition

June 9th 1788.

Petition ~

Ms. Ch. C. 4. v. 7a

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